

MATCH PROGRAMME

BRISTOL ROVERS WOMEN'S FC

VS ROYAL WOOTTON BASSETT

SUNDAY 4th SEPTEMBER / LOCKLEAZE SPORTS CENTRE / 2pm



MEET THE SKIPPER

Libby Bells looks ahead to the next challenge for the 'Gas Girls'

PRE-SEASON

A look back on our pre-season build up before the new season

WATCHING THE 'GAS GIRLS'

Joining us at 'Gas Girls HQ' this season?
Then find out more!

BRISTOL ROVERS WOMEN'S FC



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WELCOME



Everyone at Bristol Rovers Women's FC would like to welcome all of the players, officials and staff from Royal Wootton Bassett to Lockleaze for this afternoon's match.

Well, what a summer that was! Women's Football is well and truly on the map! The UEFA Women's EURO 2022 has not only changed football in this country, but it's safe to say that society has changed with it.

The next generation of girls can now dream of playing professional football and representing their countries while as the game grows steadily into the mainstream, the structure within women's football will offer more commercial opportunities which in turn can be re-invested into community initiatives. A win-win from my point view.

I was lucky enough to work for UEFA at the opening match of the Tournament at Old Trafford, and the level of planning, investment and professionalism that's now a part of the women's game, was incredible to witness. Exciting times are ahead, for sure!

As for the 'Gas Girls', well we've seen an incredible increase in interest since that historic evening at Wembley Stadium in July. Our mailing list increased by 671%, my inbox was FULL of enquiries from supporters and sponsors, all wanting to know how they can get involved. I'm delighted to see that many of the people I've spoken to are willing to support everything that we do within our 4 quarters (Community, Education, Participation, Performance). Welcome on-board guys!

Preparations for the season have been in full swing for a few months now and we've made plenty of signings this summer. I personally think it's been one of the most productive recruitment periods we've ever had and I'm incredibly excited to see how both teams progress. I'm particularly excited by the additions we've recruited into our Development Team. Young players with huge potential, good attitudes and willingness to learn. A combination that can breed success over time.

The first-team also prepare for another big challenge as we start our campaign in South West Regional Premier Division. The first-team also prepare for another big

challenge as we start our campaign in South West Regional Premier Division. I have no doubts that it will be tough, however I like to think that our squad will be competitive as they find their feet in the new league. Pre-Season has been very positive and the unity within the camp is the best I've ever seen it.

It's also been the first time where I'm able to reflect on that special night at The Memorial Stadium. The #HerGameToo double-header against Forest Green Rovers in April, was a snapshot of the potential that our game has and what our club can do. 2,247 spectators came to watch, what was a true spectacle and superb advert for women's football. It had everything. A comeback, a red card, a saved penalty and three outstanding goals that raised the roof of The Mem. Goals from Annys Turner, Georgia Vandries and Rossana Rocha gave the girls a 3-1 win against a tough and competitive Forest Green Rovers, who we'll get to meet again in a few weeks time. I'm sure it will be just as tough.

To see our girls entertaining a fantastic crowd at The Mem in the space of 3 years, was a very proud moment for us all involved with the club.

The club remain incredibly supportive of what we do and what we represent. within our communities and I'm looking forward working together with them all once again in the near future.

As for today's game, we're expecting busy one. We'd like to thank John Kayes from the 'Tote End Old Boy's' for supplying us with 'Gas Girls' bucket hats, scarves, caps and pin badges which can be bought at Lockleaze before the match. Our allocation of pre-registered tickets have all gone, which as incredible step up from what we've been previously. We can't thank you all enough for your support and I hope that you will stick with us as the season and the journey progresses! UTGG!



PRE-SEASON

MIDDLEZOY ROVERS (HOME)
24.07.2022



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GOALS;
CURNOCK X3
FARR, TOMS

TEAM-SHEET
1 HUNT
2 DOUGLAS
3 WARREN
4 RAWLINGS
5 LANG
6 HUBBLE
7 FIELDEN-STEWART
8 DIX
9 CURNOCK
10 BELL
11 TURNER

SUBS;
DAVIES, TODD, TOMS, FARR, CUTLER,
MADDOCK



PICS BY TWMOS BAYLISS

PRE-SEASON

BARRY TOWN UNITED (AWAY)
07.08.2022



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4

GOALS;
BELL, CURNOCK, WORLOCK,
FARR

TEAM-SHEET

1 HUNT
2 DOUGLAS
3 WARREN
4 RAWLINGS
5 TOMS
6 HUBBLE
7 FIELDEN-STEWART
8 DIX
9 CURNOCK
10 BELL
11 COSTA

SUBS;
DAVIES, VANDRIES, CAMPBELL, WORLOCK,
FARR, TRIALIST



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PRE-SEASON

BRITON FERRY LLANSAWEL (AWAY)
21.08.2022



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GOALS;
CURNOCK, TURNER, WORLOCK,
TRIALIST

TEAM-SHEET

1 HUNT
2 DAVIES
3 DOUGLAS
4 RAWLINGS
5 LANG
6 HUBBLE
7 VANDRIES
8 WORLOCK
9 CURNOCK
10 BELL (C)
11 TURNER

SUBS;
FARR, CUTLER, TODD, TRIALIST



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NEWS FLASH



THE 'GAS GIRLS' AND THE BRISTOL ROVERS COMMUNITY COLLEGE BTEC STUDENTS, MADE THE JOURNEY TO OLD TRAFFORD TO SUPPORT THE LIONESSES AT THE OPENING MATCH OF EURO 2022.

WE'D LIKE TO THANK BRISTOL ROVERS SUPPORTERS CLUB FOR ARRANGING AND PAYING FOR OUR COACH JOURNEY. WE HAD AN AWESOME NIGHT!



AFTER A TWO-YEAR WAIT, WE WERE DELIGHTED TO HOST OUR VERY FIRST LGBTQ+ FOOTBALL FESTIVAL IN PARTNERSHIP WITH BRISTOL PRIDE.

THE TOURNAMENT WAS HELD IN GREAT SPIRITS WITH EVERYONE ENJOYING THEMSELVES AT LOCKLEAZE SPORTS CENTRE.

16 TEAMS CAME ALONG TO THE TOURNAMENT TO TAKE PART AND CONGRATULATIONS TO BRISTOL CITY PANTHERS A, WHO WON THE COMPETITION.

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WHO WILL BE CROWNED AS
BRISTOL ROVERS QUIZ
CHAMPIONS!?

WATCHING THE 'GAS GIRLS'



It's the eve of the fourth season for our re-launched 'Gas Girls' and after a summer of triumph for the Lionesses, excitement for the women's game has reached fever pitch!

On Sunday at 2pm, Bristol Rovers Women's FC will host Royal Wootton Bassett in the South West Regional Premier Division at Lockleaze Sports Centre, and there's already been a lot of interest from supporters. After successfully completing back-to-back league titles, the 'Gas Girls' are ready to take on a new challenge, in tier 5 of the Women's pyramid.

Pre-Season preparations have gone well with three wins in three, but on Sunday the hard-work really begins.

If you're new to watching the 'Gas Girls' and you want to be a part of our exciting journey, then we hope that this information will help!

Where do the 'Gas Girls' play their home matches?

Bristol Rovers Women's play at the Lockleaze Sports Centre, Bonnington Walk, Lockleaze, Bristol, BS7 9XF. The £6m facility was built in 2018 and boasts a UEFA

standard 4G pitch, where the 'Gas Girls' train and play every week.

How do I get there?

Lockleaze Sports Centre is easily accessible by car, bus and train.

By Car: LSC can be accessed by leaving Station Road (A4174) onto Filton Avenue. Once you reach the crossroads with the Tesco Express on your right hand side, turn left onto Bridge Walk. Keep following this road until you pass see the sign for LSC on the left hand side.

By Bus: There are stops that are situated on Filton Avenue which are a ten-minute walk from LSC, just off Toronto Road. Bus No. 70 & 73 pass the Toronto Road stops.

By Train: Filton Abbey Road is the nearest train station to LSC. Simply walk up the pathway next to the MOD building and you'll soon arrive at the LSC.

Is there car parking available?

Yes. The car park is free. It can be busy on match days, however there is usually available space nearby over-flow car park.

Do I pay for entry?

No. Entry to 'Gas Girls' matches are free. We recommend that spectators register beforehand. This gives the staff at Lockleaze a better understanding of what numbers they can expect.

Can I buy refreshments?

Yes. Lockleaze Sports Centre has a bar serving beer, soft drinks and snacks. There's also a fully functional kitchen that will be serving food throughout the day.

Where can I stand to watch the match?

Lockleaze Sports Centre has an open-air balcony and viewing platform that gives you an excellent view which overlooks the pitch. Spectators can also gain viewing access from behind the fencing at pitch-side.

Can I purchase 'Gas Girls' merchandise?

We aim to have a small stall at Lockleaze Sports Centre, selling scarves, bucket hats, caps at £10 with badges and more to be a little bit cheaper. If you would like to purchase any items, cash would be preferable but we are looking at options where you can pay via your card.

Can I bring my grassroots club to be guests at a 'Gas Girls' match-day?

Absolutely! We want to ensure that all junior girls clubs have a fantastic experience with us. Players get to meet the players, get some free goodies, have a kick-about on the pitch before the match and be the guard of honour as the players walk out. We have some clubs already booked in, so email us today and we can arrange a suitable date for you. We don't charge a single penny either!



INTERVIEW

LIBBY BELL

**"IT'S AN EXTREMELY PROUD
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GIVEN THE ARMBAND FOR
THE SEASON..."**



As season four begins for the 'Gas Girls', there will be some recognisable changes in the squad for 2022/23. As long-term Captain Natalie Coles takes her maternity leave, Vice-Captain Libby Bell will take the armband as Rovers start life in a new League and new challenge. We spoke to the new skipper ahead of Sunday's match.

Libby, you start your fourth season at Bristol Rovers as Captain. How does it feel to be leading the 'Gas Girls' and how have you settled into the role?

It's an extremely proud moment for me to be given the armband for the season. Obviously, I've got big boots to fill while Natty (Natalie Coles) is away on maternity. I feel like it's been going well, I've settled into the role, but it is a lot more pressure than I've had previously. Thankfully, the squad is very organised this season and I'm looking forward to it!

You've been with us since the start in 2019. What changes and developments have you within the club over the last 4 years?

When we first started, we had a couple of sponsors reaching out to us and a bit of awareness but over the last 3 years as we've continued to grow and with the success of the UEFA Women's Euro's, we've seen a massive uplift in people wanting to support us, to come to our games and take more of an interest in what we're doing as a club. And since I've started with the club, the coaching team has grown, and we have an excellent group of voluntary staff that are there to support us on and off the pitch.

It's fair to say that EURO 2022 was a momentous tournament for Women's Football. How did the Lionesses success and the Tournament overall, impact you and the 'Gas Girls'?

Yeah, I think the Euros has been massive for Women's Football this year. As a club we went to the first match at Old Trafford which was amazing and as a team we got together to watch the semi-finals and the final, which was really special. I think 2022 will be a year to remember for Women's Football and I think we'll start to see more people watching it this season and we've even seen a huge increase in interest for the 'Gas Girls' too which is awesome.





So hopefully we'll have some bigger crowds of the back of this new wave of interest.

It's been a long pre-season, how has it gone, and do you feel prepared for the new challenge?

I'd say that this pre-season has been the best we've had so far. We've had more competitive games than we've had previously, and it's been nice to play some Welsh teams that have been doing well in their respective leagues too. Paul Mason ('Gas Girls' fitness coach) has been amazing with setting up plans for us and doing regular fitness testing so we can make that we are improving as a squad. So yeah, I'm feeling really organised going into the season.

There have been plenty new arrivals in both squads this season. How have they settled in within the squad?

Yeah, I think we've added so much depth this season. I think it's the most we've added since we started but it's been needed, especially if we're trying to be as competitive as we can be. We won't be successful with just eleven players; it takes a squad effort for us to get there, and everyone will play their part. Over the summer we did a weekend tour at the Brecon Beacons in Wales which was so much and some of the new girls came along too. It's made us become much closer as a group, so everyone is settling in really well.

And looking to the season ahead. Undoubtedly it will be another big challenge. What's the goal and are you ready to go!?

We are going into the unknown and we know that there are a lot of good teams in this league. We just need to make sure that we've done everything we can on and off the pitch to prepare ourselves. We're certainly up for the challenge and in terms of our goals, I think we've just got to find our feet in the first few games, try and get a couple of wins under our belt and see where we are by mid-season. Obviously, it would be amazing if we're competing at the top again, but we need to be realistic and make sure that we're competitive first.



SOUTH WEST REGIONAL WOMEN'S LEAGUE

PREMIER DIVISION

FIXTURE LIST 2022/23



SEPTEMBER

SUN 4	ROYAL WOOTTON BASSETT	H
SUN 11	POOLE TOWN	A
SUN 18	FOREST GREEN ROVERS	H
SUN 25	WARMINSTER TOWN	A

DECEMBER

SUN 11	WARMINSTER TOWN	H
SUN 18	ILMINSTER TOWN	A

OCTOBER

SUN 9	ILMINSTER TOWN	H
SUN 16	LISKEARD ATHLETIC	A
SUN 23	BISHOPS LYDEARD	H
SUN 30	SHERBORNE TOWN	A

JANUARY

SUN 8	LISKEARD ATHLETIC	H
SUN 15	BISHOPS LYDEARD	A
SUN 22	SHERBORNE TOWN	H

NOVEMBER

SUN 6	TORQUAY UNITED	A
SUN 13	TORQUAY UNITED	H
SUN 20	ROYAL WOOTTON BASSETT	A
SUN 27	POOLE TOWN	H

MARCH

SUN 12	FOREST GREEN ROVERS	A
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***FIXTURES SUBJECT TO CHANGE *ALL GAMES KICK-OFF AT 2PM**

ALL HOME MATCHES ARE PLAYED AT LOCKLEAZE SPORTS CENTRE (BS7 9XF)



DEVELOPMENT TEAM



Bristol Rovers Women's Development will start the 2022/23 league campaign with a trip to Bishops Cleeve on Sunday 4th September, followed by a return to #GasGirls HQ against Bristol & West on Sunday 11th September.

Our Development Team won promotion into Division One of the Gloucestershire County Women's League last season and refreshed looking squad will be aiming to be competitive when the season kicks off next month.

All home fixtures will take place on the 4G pitch at Lockleaze Sports Centre. Entry for all games is free.

Bristol Rovers Women's Development 2022/23 Fixtures;

04/09/22 Bishops Cleeve VS Bristol Rovers Development
11/09/22 Bristol Rovers Development VS Bristol & West
25/09/22 Bristol Rovers Development VS Cheltenham Saracens

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06/11/22 Bristol Rovers Development VS Longwell Green
27/11/22 Dursley Town VS Bristol Rovers Development

04/12/22 Bristol Rovers Development VS Tuffley Rovers
11/12/22 Gloucester City VS Bristol Rovers Development
18/12/22 Bristol Rovers Development VS Abbeymead Rovers

08/01/23 Tuffley Rovers VS Bristol Rovers Development
15/01/23 Bristol Rovers Development VS Gloucester City
22/01/23 AFC Bitton VS Bristol Rovers Development
29/01/23 Abbeymead Rovers VS Bristol Rovers Development

05/02/23 Bristol Rovers Development VS Dursley Town
12/02/23 Longwell Green VS Bristol Rovers Development
19/02/23 Bristol & West VS Bristol Rovers Development
26/02/23 Bristol Rovers Development VS AFC Bitton

12/03/23 Bristol Rovers Development VS Bishops Cleeve



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SQUAD LIST 2022/23



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